

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2007-256-C – ORDER NO. 2007-621  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

IN RE: Petition for Approval of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a	)	ORDER HOLDING
Nextel Partners' Adoption of the	)	MOTION TO DISMISS IN
Interconnection Agreement between Sprint	)	ABEYANCE
Communications, L.P./Sprint Spectrum L.P.	)	
d/b/a Sprint PCS and BellSouth	)	
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South	)	
Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast.	)	

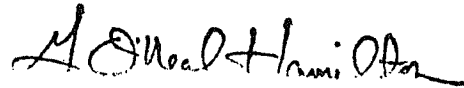
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a Motion to Dismiss and, In the Alternative, Answer filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T South Carolina”) concerning the petition of NPCR, Inc. d/b/a Nextel Partners (“Nextel Partners”) to adopt the interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications, L.P./Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (“Sprint”) and AT&T South Carolina. In its Motion, AT&T asserts that the basis upon which Nextel Partners relies for its requested adoption is misplaced. AT&T South Carolina argues that the interpretation and enforcement of the merger conditions resulting from the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corp. merger proceeding are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the FCC. Secondly, AT&T South Carolina states that Nextel Partners is attempting to adopt an expired agreement and thus its adoption request does not comply with applicable FCC rules. Lastly, AT&T South Carolina argues that the

requested adoption is premature because Nextel Partners failed to abide by contractual obligations regarding dispute resolution found in its existing interconnection agreement with AT&T South Carolina. For these reasons, AT&T South Carolina requests Nextel Partners' petition be dismissed.

However, this dispute deserves a complete airing by all the parties in the matter. As such, the Commission holds AT&T South Carolina's Motion to Dismiss in abeyance in order to make a fully reasoned determination in this case. Therefore, we will proceed with a hearing on the merits of the case.

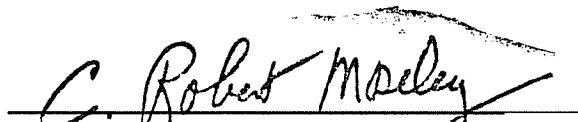
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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